



THE AMERICAN LEGION  
*National 38<sup>th</sup> Convention*

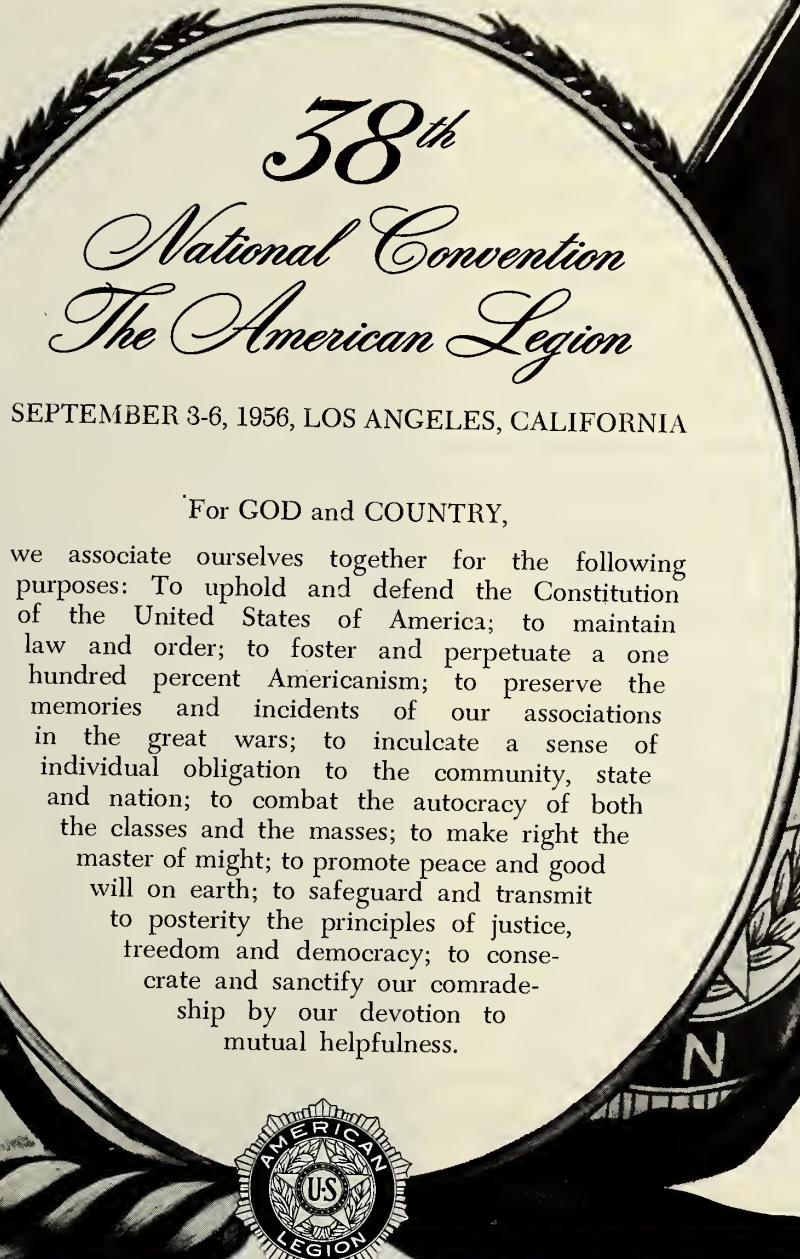
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# 38<sup>th</sup> National Convention The American Legion

SEPTEMBER 3-6, 1956, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

'For GOD and COUNTRY,

we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



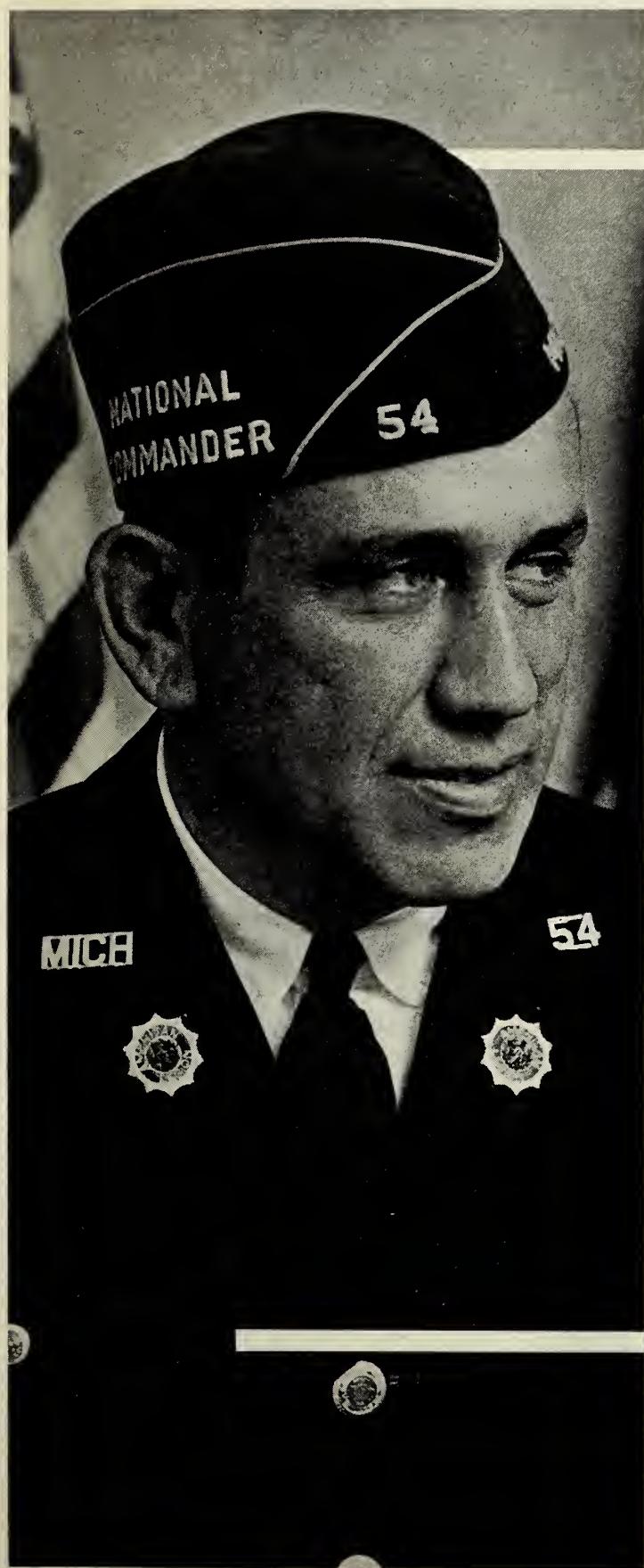
*The American Legion Auxiliary, Thirty-Sixth National Convention*

*La Boulique des Huit Chapeaux et Quarante Femmes, Thirty-Fifth Marche Nationale*

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*"Welcome to our  
38th National  
Convention"*

For the third time in eighteen years, The American Legion is assembling in National Convention in Los Angeles.

When we paid our first official visit here in 1938, we had only one World War behind us. Today we have grown into a three-war American Legion and the largest organization of veterans in the world. And the years have added not only to our national stature, but also to our responsibilities.

Dedicated to service for God and Country, our patriotism has never wavered. We continue to serve our nation in times of peace as we did in days of war.

Our primary obligation—today as when we were here for the first time eighteen years ago—is to the security of our country and to the welfare of the nation's war veterans who have made sacrifices in its defense.

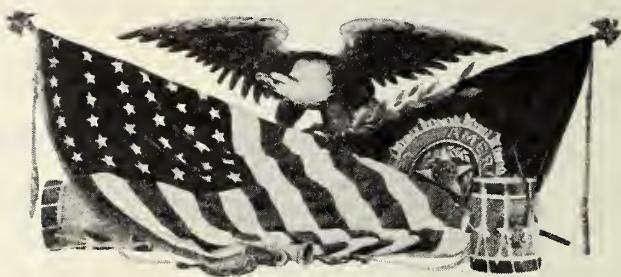
Certainly today, as never before, there is need for unity of thought and action—in our own organization as well as among the people of our land.

The American Legion has gone a long way, even since our last National Convention here in 1950, but we still have a long way to go. I am confident that you key Legionnaires assembled at this all-important conclave will courageously meet the challenge that confronts us today, and contribute your loyal support toward building of an even greater organization able to meet its growing obligations.

*J. Addington Wagner*

NATIONAL COMMANDER

# Past National Commanders



## The American Legion 1919-1956

\*FRANKLIN D'OLIER  
Pennsylvania 1919-20  
\*†FREDERIC W. GALBRAITH, JR.  
Ohio 1920-21  
\*‡JOHN G. EMERY  
Michigan 1921  
HANFORD MacNIDER  
Iowa 1921-22  
ALVIN M. OWSLEY  
Texas 1922-23  
JOHN R. QUINN  
California 1923-24  
\*JAMES A. DRAIN  
District of Columbia 1924-25  
\*JOHN R. McQUIGG  
Ohio 1925-26  
\*HOWARD P. SAVAGE  
Illinois 1926-27  
\*EDWARD E. SPAFFORD  
New York 1927-28  
\*PAUL V. McNUTT  
Indiana 1928-29  
\*O. LEE BODENHAMER  
Arkansas 1929-30  
\*RALPH T. O'NEIL  
Kansas 1930-31  
HENRY L. STEVENS, JR.  
North Carolina 1931-32  
LOUIS JOHNSON  
West Virginia 1932-33  
\*EDWARD A. HAYES  
Illinois 1933-34  
FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR.  
California 1934-35  
RAY MURPHY  
Iowa 1935-36  
HARRY W. COLMERY  
Kansas 1936-37  
DANIEL J. DOHERTY  
Massachusetts 1937-38  
STEPHEN F. CHADWICK  
Washington 1938-39  
RAYMOND J. KELLY  
Michigan 1939-40  
MILO J. WARNER  
Ohio 1940-41  
LYNN U. STAMBAUGH  
North Dakota 1941-42

ROANE WARING  
Tennessee 1942-43  
WARREN H. ATHERTON  
California 1943-44  
EDWARD N. SCHEIBERLING  
New York 1944-45  
JOHN STELLE  
Illinois 1945-46  
PAUL H. GRIFFITH  
Pennsylvania 1946-47  
JAMES F. O'NEIL  
New Hampshire 1947-48  
PERRY BROWN  
Texas 1948-49  
GEORGE N. CRAIG  
Indiana 1949-50  
ERLE COCKE, JR.  
Georgia 1950-51  
DONALD R. WILSON  
West Virginia 1951-52  
LEWIS K. GOUGH  
California 1952-53  
ARTHUR J. CONNELL  
Connecticut 1953-54  
SEABORN P. COLLINS  
New Mexico 1954-55

### PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS BY VOTE OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

\*BENNETT CHAMP CLARK  
Missouri—Presided at Paris caucus, March 1919  
\*MILTON J. FOREMAN  
Illinois—Chairman, Executive Committee at Paris  
\*HENRY D. LINDSLEY  
Texas—Presided at St. Louis caucus, May 1919  
\*THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.  
New York  
ERIC FISHER WOOD  
Pennsylvania—Temporary Chairman  
and Secretary at Paris caucus

### HONORARY NATIONAL COMMANDERS

\*GENERAL JOHN J. PERSHING  
\*MARSHAL FERDINAND FOCH

\*Deceased

†Killed in auto accident while serving as Commander  
‡Elected by Executive Committee to fill unexpired term



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 22, 1956

Dear Commander Wagner:

To my fellow Legionnaires I extend warm greetings on the occasion of the organization's Thirty-eighth National Convention.

I am delighted to congratulate the members of the Legion once again on their service to the United States in time of war and on their contributions in peacetime to the strengthening of our national security. I know all of you recognize how vital this security is to the defense of freedom and to the pursuit of a just and durable peace in the world.

Please accept my warm best wishes for the great success of your 1956 meeting.

Sincerely,

Mr. J. Addington Wagner  
National Commander  
The American Legion  
1608 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 6, D. C.



*The Honorable Goodwin J. Knight*

GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA

HONORARY PRESIDENT

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION CORPORATION



*State of California*  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
SACRAMENTO 14



GOODWIN J. KNIGHT  
GOVERNOR

TO MY COMRADES ATTENDING THE 1956  
AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Californians are happy to welcome the officers, delegates and distinguished guests who will be visiting our state during the 1956 National Convention of the American Legion and its affiliated organizations. You may be assured that a warm welcome is extended you in the finest traditions of our historic heritage for hospitality.

We are proud of the strength and vigor of the American Legion units throughout our state. Their strong emphasis on patriotism, their vigorous promotion of civic enterprises and their constant efforts on behalf of the widows, orphans and disabled comrades of our heroic dead, daily attest their faithfulness in discharging their "obligations to the community, state, and nation."

We are glad that you are coming to our state and you are assured that everything possible is being done to make your stay a pleasant one. Whether you return as a visitor or as a resident, we will be pleased to have you with us again. In the sincere spirit of western hospitality, there is truly "always room for one more" in our great and growing commonwealth.

Cordially,

*Goodwin J. Knight*  
Governor of California

*The Honorable Norris Poulson*

MAYOR

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY HALL  
LOS ANGELES 12, CALIFORNIA

May 1, 1956

Mr. J. Addington Wagner  
National Commander  
American Legion

Dear Commander Wagner:

Los Angeles is delighted to act as host city and, on behalf of our citizens, I extend a most cordial welcome to all the delegates and their families who will be our guests.

The Legion's record of service through the years on the national, state and local levels represents an immense contribution to the public welfare. All through the history of this great organization, it has been at the forefront in furthering causes in the benefit of our country and its people, and it has been relentless in exposing and attacking evils that threaten our way of life.

Every effort will be put forth by the City of Los Angeles, you may be certain, to provide a pleasant and most enjoyable stay in Los Angeles for the Convention visitors.

It is my sincere hope that the 1956 National Convention of the American Legion will be highly successful and that Los Angeles will be long remembered by the delegates for the traditional Western spirit of hospitality it will be our privilege to demonstrate once again on this auspicious occasion.

Sincerely yours,

*Norris Poulson*  
MAYOR

NP:P

*Joseph M. Farber*

COMMANDER

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF



Mr. J. Addington Wagner  
National Commander  
The American Legion

JOSEPH M. FARBER GORDON A. LYONS WILLIAM R. BURKE ARDEN "PONY" POWERS  
COMMANDER ADJUTANT NAT'L COMMITTEEMAN ALT. NAT'L COMMITTEEMAN

DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS  
WAR MEMORIAL, VETERANS BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO 2  
HEMLOCK 1-2400

Dear Commander Wagner:

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the Department of California, The American Legion, welcomes you, your staff, and the thousands of Legionnaires who will attend the 38th National Convention of our great organization to Los Angeles.

We have endeavored to do all in our power to make your stay in the City and County of Los Angeles pleasant. We hope that all of our American Legion comrades avail themselves of the opportunities Los Angeles offers.

The City and County of Los Angeles has planned long and the members of The American Legion of this great city have worked hard to make this an outstanding convention. We happily await the pleasure of serving you and our comrades.

Yours in comradeship,

*Joseph M. Farber*  
Joseph M. Farber, Commander  
Department of California



*Gordon A. Lyons*

ADJUTANT

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA





## *National Officers of The American Legion*



JAMES V. DAY  
Vice-Commander  
Maine  
Oct. '55-Jan. '56



WILLIAM J.  
HOLLIMAN  
Vice-Commander  
District of Columbia  
February 1956



GILMAN H.  
STORDOCK  
Vice-Commander  
Wisconsin



GUY  
STONE  
Vice-Commander  
Georgia



L. EVERETT  
PAGE  
Vice-Commander  
Texas



JOHN H.  
VAN HORN  
Vice-Commander  
Alaska



REV. JOSEPH  
MACCARROLL  
National Chaplain  
New Jersey



HENRY H.  
DUDLEY  
Administrative  
Consultant



ROBERT T.  
FAIREY  
Historian  
South Carolina



RALPH B.  
GREGG  
Judge Advocate  
Indianapolis



E. A.  
BLACKMORE  
Adjutant  
Indianapolis



NEAL  
GRIDER  
Treasurer  
Indianapolis



ROBERT E.  
LYNCH  
Ass't Adjutant  
Indianapolis



# Official Program

**SCHEDULE OF STANDING COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**  
**38th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION OF**  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION,**  
**LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

AMERICANISM COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Grant Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

CHILD WELFARE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, New Orleans Room, Hayward Hotel, 206 West 6th St.

CONVENTION COMMISSION. 2:00 p. m., September 1-September 2, Suite of National Convention Commission Chairman, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

CONTESTS SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Coliseum North Ticket Building, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. 10:00 a. m., September 4, Washington Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE. August 31-September 6, Distinguished Guests Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

ECONOMIC COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Marine General Mess, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FINANCE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 6, National Adjutant's Suite, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

EMBLEM COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Crows Nest, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Roosevelt Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, MacArthur Library, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

RESOLUTIONS ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, National Headquarters' offices, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Cocoanut Grove Lounge, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd.

PUBLICATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Arnold Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Nimitz Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REHABILITATION COMMISSION. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Wilson Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REHABILITATION RESOLUTION SCREENING COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 2, Lincoln Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

SECURITY COMMITTEE. 9:00 a. m., September 1, Auditorium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

REORGANIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31-September 1, Fleet Admiral Mess, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

RESOLUTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 9:30 a. m., August 31, National Headquarters' offices, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

JOINT AMERICAN LEGION—AUXILIARY RELIGIOUS AND PATRIOTIC SERVICE

Auditorium, Hollywood Post No. 43  
2035 Hollywood Blvd.  
Sunday, September 2, 1956—5:00 to 5:45 p. m.

BAND CONCERT, SENIOR BANK,  
HOLLYWOOD POST

ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”  
Chorus and Audience

INVOCATION MRS. JOHN ALEXANDER  
National Chaplain American Legion Auxiliary

“THE LORD’S PRAYER” MALOTTE  
COMBINED CHORUS

AUXILIARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

“SALVATION BELONGETH TO GOD”  
COMBINED CHORUS

POST EVERLASTING AMERICAN LEGION  
RITUAL TEAM

“BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC”  
COMBINED CHORUS

BENEDICTION

REV. JOSEPH MacCARROLL,  
National Chaplain The American Legion

TAPS

Committee in Charge:

G. H. (Bud) Gilliland, Past Department Chaplain  
of California, Chairman

Stephen Foote

Clarence Tyson

Raymond Bowman

Band Concert—Joseph Collings, Director

Les Moe, Manager

Advancement of colors: Under direction of Dorman  
Welling, Sergeant at Arms

Los Angeles County Council, The American Legion

Music-combined American Legion-Auxiliary  
choruses, under direction of Clyde A. Parnell,  
Director National Champion American Legion  
Chorus, Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23, Milwaukee,  
Wisconsin

Accompanist—Arthur Colby

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### *Convention Committees*

CREDENTIALS. 11:30 a. m., September 2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION. 12 noon, September 2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

RULES. 12:30 p. m., September 2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. 2:00 p. m., September 2, Renaissance Room, Biltmore Hotel, 515 South Olive St.

### *Succeeding meetings to be held as called by Committee Chairman*

AMERICANISM. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Grant Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

CHILD WELFARE. 9:30 a. m., September 2, New Orleans Room, Hayward Hotel, 206 West 6th St.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Arnold Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

ECONOMIC. Employment and Veterans Preference, Other Economic Matters. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Fleet Admiral Mess and Marine General Mess, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FINANCE. 9:30 a. m., September 3, Washington Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

FOREIGN RELATIONS. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Gymnasium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS. 9:30 a. m., September 2, MacArthur Library, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

LEGISLATIVE. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Cocoanut Grove Lounge, Ambassador Hotel, 3400 Wilshire Blvd.

REHABILITATION. Claims and Rating Hospitalization. 9:30 a. m., September 2, Nimitz Hall and Wilson Hall, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St.

SECURITY. 9:30 a. m.-10:30 a. m., September 2, Auditorium, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa St. Military Affairs, 10:30 a. m., Auditorium, Patriotic Hall; Naval Affairs, 10:30 a. m., Eisenhower, Patriotic Hall; Merchant Marine, 10:30 a. m., Roosevelt, Patriotic Hall; Aeronautics, 10:30 a. m., McKinley, Patriotic Hall; Civil Defense, 10:30 a. m., Hancock, Patriotic Hall.

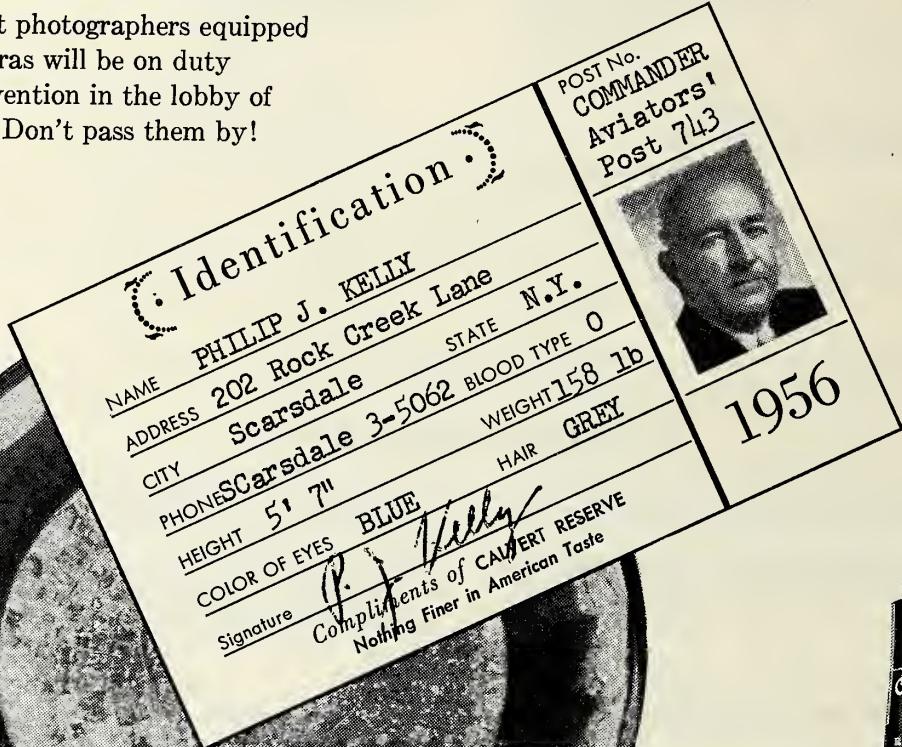
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## *Point Opening Session*



### OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AND THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1956, SHRINE AUDITORIUM.

8:30 a. m.

CONCERT—National Championship Band, Harwood Post No. 5 Memorial Band, The American Legion, Joliet, Illinois.

National Championship Chorus, Alonzo Cudworth Post No. 23, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

9:30 a. m.

CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michigan), National Commander

SOLO—*The Star-Spangled Banner*, Morton Downey, Official Soloist

INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New Jersey), National Chaplain

CALL FOR CONVENTION—Emil A. Blackmore (Wyoming), National Adjutant

9:50 a. m.

#### ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Hon. Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California

Hon. Norris Poulson, Mayor of Los Angeles  
Hon. Joseph Farber, Commander, Department of California

Hon. William R. Burke, President, American Legion National Convention Corporation of 1956

10:15 a. m.

#### RESPONSE TO ADDRESSES OF WELCOME

Hon. Seaborn P. Collins (New Mexico), Past National Commander

10:30 a. m.

#### ADDRESS

Hon. George Meany, President, AFL-CIO

11:00 a. m.  
**NATIONAL CONVENTION MEMORIAL SERVICE**  
 Invocation  
 Solo: *There Is No Death*, Morton Downey  
 Memorial Address—National Chaplain Mac-  
 Carroll  
 Benediction  
 Taps

11:30 a. m.  
**PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION DIS-  
 TINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO JOEL  
 T. BOONE, Vice Adm., USN (Ret.)**  
 Hon. Paul H. Griffith (Pennsylvania), Past  
 National Commander  
**RESPONSE—Vice Adm. Boone**

12:00 noon  
**GREETINGS—Mrs. Bowden D. Ward (West Vir-  
 ginia), National President, The American  
 Legion Auxiliary**

12:30 p. m.  
**REPORT OF NATIONAL COMMANDER  
 WAGNER**

1:00 p. m.  
**ADDRESS**

1:30 p. m.  
**PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN LEGION DIS-  
 TINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO  
 CHARLES STEWART MOTT**  
 Hon. Raymond J. Kelly (Michigan), Past Na-  
 tional Commander  
**RESPONSE—Charles Stewart Mott**

1:45 p. m.  
**INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED  
 GUESTS**

2:15 p. m.  
**REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:  
 CREDENTIALS  
 PERMANENT ORGANIZATION  
 RULES**

3:00 p. m.  
**PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION TO CITY  
 OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN WHICH CITY  
 THE 1955 NATIONAL CONVENTION  
 WAS HELD**  
 Hon. Erle Cocke, Jr. (Georgia), Past National  
 Commander  
**RESPONSE—Fred C. Danant, Commander, Harvey  
 Seeds Post No. 29, Miami, Florida, represent-  
 ing Honorable Randall N. Christmas, Mayor  
 of Miami**

3:30 p. m.  
**SALUTE TO COLORS  
 RECESS**

7:00 p. m.  
 National Commander Wagner's Banquet to Disting-  
 guished Guests, Biltmore Bowl, Biltmore Hotel,  
 Los Angeles  
 Speaker: General Alfred M. Gruenthal

*Wednesday, September 5, 1956*

8:45 a. m.  
**CONCERT**

9:00 a. m.  
**CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michi-  
 gan), National Commander**  
**SALUTE TO THE COLORS**  
**THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**  
**INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New  
 Jersey), National Chaplain**

9:20 a. m.  
**REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:  
 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS  
 LEGISLATIVE**

10:15 a. m.  
**GREETINGS—Miss Martha A. Shull, President,  
 National Education Association**

10:30 a. m.  
**REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:  
 ECONOMIC**  
 Including: Employment  
 Veterans' Preference  
 Other Economic Matters  
**AMERICANISM**  
**FOREIGN RELATIONS**

12:00 noon  
**ADDRESS**

12:30 p. m.  
**REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE:  
 CHILD WELFARE**

1:00 p. m.  
**GREETINGS—Dr. Dwight H. Murray, President,  
 American Medical Association**

1:15 p. m.  
**REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEE:  
 REHABILITATION**  
 Including: Claims and Rating  
 Hospitalization

2:15 p. m.  
**GREETINGS—Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of  
 Veterans Affairs**

2:30 p. m.  
**REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:  
 SECURITY**  
 Including: Military Affairs  
 Naval Affairs  
 Merchant Marine  
 Aeronautics  
 Civil Defense

3:15 p. m.

*REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE*—  
Franklin Riter (Utah), Chairman

4:00 p. m.

RECESS

*Thursday, September 6, 1956*

8:45 a. m.

CONCERT

9:00 a. m.

CALL TO ORDER—J. Addington Wagner (Michigan), National Commander  
SALUTE TO COLORS  
THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER  
INVOCATION—Rev. Joseph MacCarroll (New Jersey), National Chaplain

9:15 a. m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Including reports held over from previous sessions)

10:00 a. m.

*REPORTS OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES:*  
INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
FINANCE

10:45 a. m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL AWARDS

11:00 a. m.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

12:30 p. m.

Presentation of Colors to Outgoing National Commander J. Addington Wagner by Past National Commander Harry W. Colmery

12:45 p. m.

Presentation of Colors to Incoming National Commander by Past National Commander Alvin M. Owsley

1:00 p. m.

Presentation of newly elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary  
UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
RETIREMENT OF COLORS  
FINAL ADJOURNMENT

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The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four hours after the close of the Convention, upon call of the National Commander.

BEST  
WISHES  
FOR A  
SUCCESSFUL  
CONVENTION  
FROM  
**ENDICOTT  
JOHNSON**  
AND ITS  
FAMILY  
OF WORKERS



# Recipients of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

\*\*\*\*\*  
VICE ADM. JOEL T. BOONE  
—1956  
CHARLES STEWART MOTT  
—1956  
\*\*\*\*\*

MARSHAL FERDINAND FOCH  
of France—1921  
ADM. EARL BEATTY  
of Great Britain—1921  
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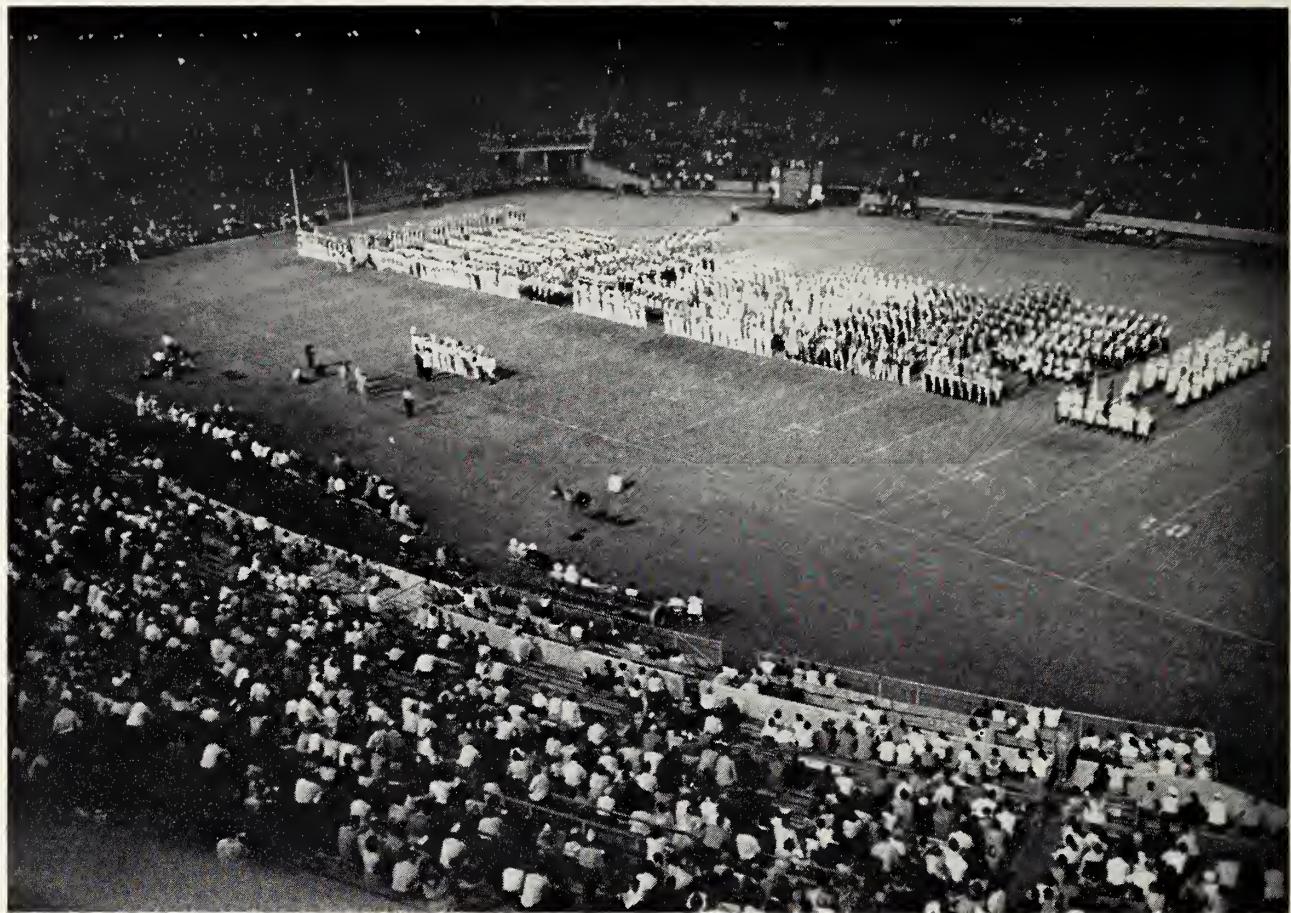
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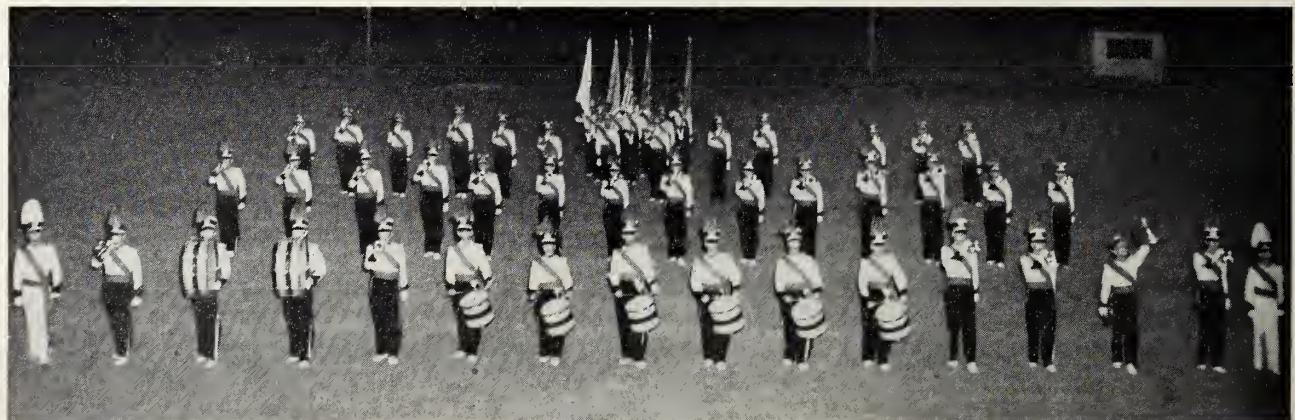
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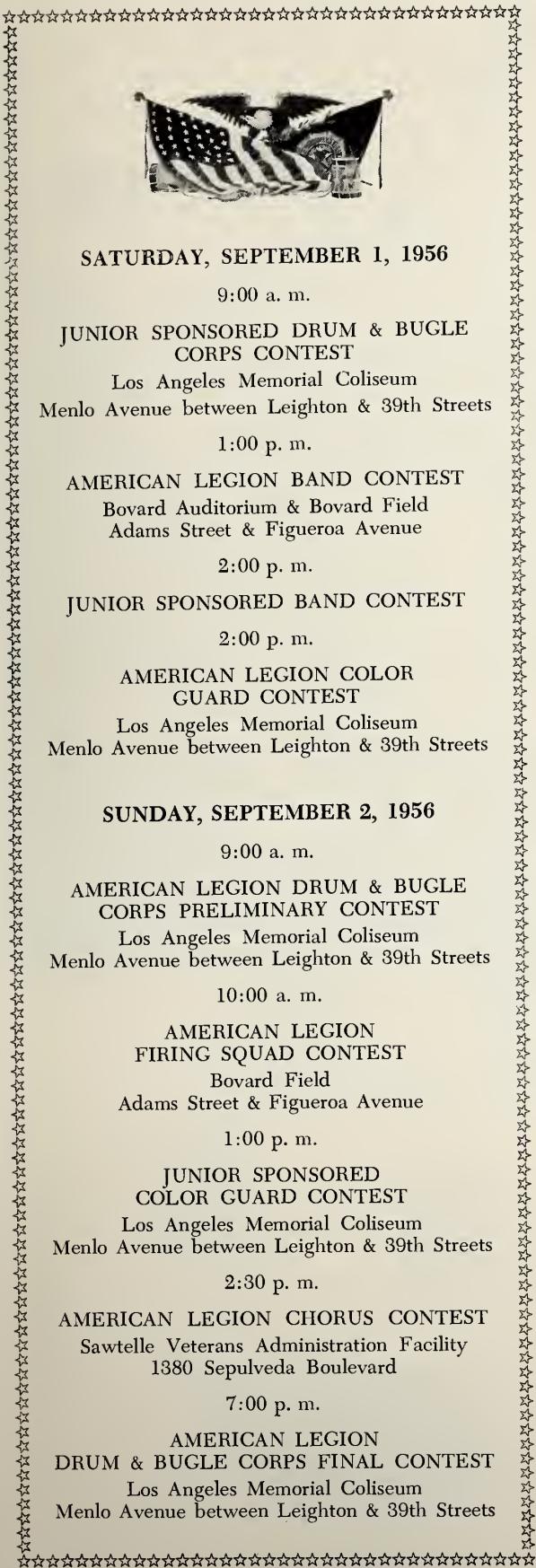
The highlight of every National Convention is the Parade of Champions—the National Drum & Bugle Corps Finals. This year the big show will be held at 7:00 p. m., Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

## *National Contests*

The 1956 National Convention may set a record for competing units.



The Skokie Indians of Post 320, Skokie, Ill., are The American Legion Drum & Bugle Corps defending champions.



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1956**

9:00 a. m.

**JUNIOR SPONSORED DRUM & BUGLE CORPS CONTEST**

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

1:00 p. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION BAND CONTEST**

Bovard Auditorium & Bovard Field  
Adams Street & Figueroa Avenue

2:00 p. m.

**JUNIOR SPONSORED BAND CONTEST**

2:00 p. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION COLOR GUARD CONTEST**

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956**

9:00 a. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS PRELIMINARY CONTEST**

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

10:00 a. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION FIRING SQUAD CONTEST**

Bovard Field  
Adams Street & Figueroa Avenue

1:00 p. m.

**JUNIOR SPONSORED COLOR GUARD CONTEST**

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

2:30 p. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION CHORUS CONTEST**

Sawtelle Veterans Administration Facility  
1380 Sepulveda Boulevard

7:00 p. m.

**AMERICAN LEGION DRUM & BUGLE CORPS FINAL CONTEST**

Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum  
Menlo Avenue between Leighton & 39th Streets

*Special Events*



This will be the 10th consecutive year in which the Seagrams Posts of The American Legion will give four lucky Legionnaires or Auxiliaries a 1956 Ford automobile absolutely free.



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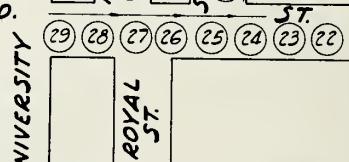
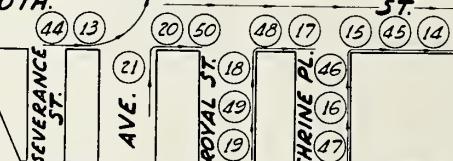
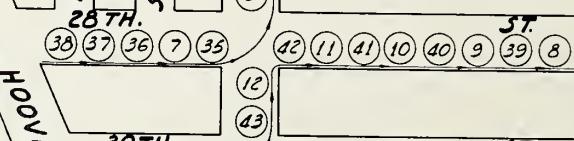
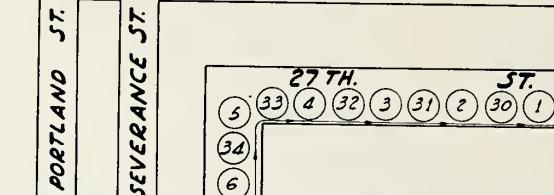
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38TH NATIONAL CONVEN-  
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3, 1956, LOS ANGELES,  
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Automobiles used during the Convention and  
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Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum through which the Parade will pass before 100,000 spectators.

# Parade Orders



OF THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE, 3 SEPTEMBER 1956

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## Parade Order

The official parade of the Thirty-eighth National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by the instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. TIME: (all times in this order are Pacific Daylight Time).
  - (a) The leading elements of the parade will move south from the "Initial Point" (Jefferson Boulevard and Figueroa Street) at 2:00 p. m. 3 September 1956.
  - (b) The time and place of assembly for each department or element of the parade is shown in detail on the Organization and March Time Table and the Parade Map.
2. ROUTE: Initial Point—Figueroa Street and Jefferson Boulevard. The parade will proceed south on Figueroa Street from the "Initial Point" to South Coliseum Drive—thence west into the Coliseum. The parade will emerge through the tunnel at the west end of the Coliseum into the Disbanding Area—marching distance approximately one and one-half miles.
3. ASSEMBLY AREA:
  - (a) Assembly areas are as indicated in the Organization and March Time Table and Assembly Area Map.
  - (b) One member from each element using vehicles for transportation of marching units will accompany vehicles to disbanding area, subsequently meeting marching units immediately after emergence from the Coliseum and guide them to the units' empty vehicles. Vehicles will report to disbanding area one hour after time shown as assembly time for their unit.
4. ORGANIZATION:
  - (a) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of a Marshal. The composition of these divisions, order of march, time and place of assembly is shown in the Organization and March Table and Assembly Area Map.
  - (b) All Department of Defense units will be governed by applicable regulations.
  - (c) Each Department Commander will be responsible for the order of march of the units of his department—all units conforming to the following distribution and formations:
    - (1) MASSED COLORS: Twelve (12) abreast.

All American Flags, the Department and post colors of each Department and the Department and unit colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department delegation.

(2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formations ten (10) abreast, one and one-half yards between front and rear ranks.

(3) **BANDS AND DRUM CORPS:** (As directed by Drum Majors).

(4) **AUTHORIZED FLOATS AND AUTOMOBILES:** In single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be permitted to participate.

(d) **DISTANCES:**

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| (1) Between divisions                | 50 yards |
| (2) Between departments              | 25 yards |
| (3) Between elements of a department | 10 yards |

(e) All bands will start playing upon reaching the foot of the ramp within the Coliseum and will stop playing when they enter the exit tunnel.

5. **DISBANDING AREA:** Immediate area adjoining exit from Coliseum.

6. **OFFICIAL REVIEWING STAND:** The official reviewing stand is located in the Coliseum. Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand.

7. **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PARADE AND CONDUCT OF PARTICIPANTS:** With the exception of the Police, members of the Armed Forces, Active or Retired, and the distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to members of The American Legion, uniformed bodies of The American Legion and its Auxiliary. Special feature marching or maneuvering will not be permitted. Proper decorum must be maintained.

8. **FIRST AID STATIONS:** First Aid Stations in the Assembly Area and along the parade route will be conspicuously marked.

9. **PARADE OFFICIALS:**

(a) The Grand Marshal will be assisted by the Chairman of the parade committee in the conduct of the parade and by the Parade Marshal and other officials, including Regulating Officers, Division Marshals, Liaison Officers and Guides. All officials will wear arm bands marked "Parade Official."

(b) Regulating officers will be assigned as follows: Chief Regulating Officer, Assembly Area. Chief Regulating Officer, Line of March. Chief Regulating Officer, Reviewing Stand. Chief Regulating Officer, Disbanding Area.

(c) Headquarters of the Grand Marshal and the Parade Committee are located at north office (also known as the Ticket Office), in the Coliseum, telephone number RIchmond 84256.

10. The cooperation of all departments is earnestly solicited, particularly as to prompt assembly in designated areas, elimination of maneuvering or special feature marching which will delay the march, and prompt clearing of the streets in the disbanding area. Departments not on time in column at the time of moving out, will be assigned by the Chief Regulating Officer, assembly area, to rear of column.

11. A meeting of Department Commanders or their Parade Chairman will be held in the Renaissance Room of the Biltmore Hotel at 10:00 a. m. on Sunday, September 2nd, at which time final instructions will be given.

### *Organization and March Time Table*

Letters A to I in 1st and 2nd Divisions and numbers 1 to 50 in 3rd to 9th Divisions designate reference code on map for place of assembly.

All departures other than 1st Division will be regulated by Chief Regulating Officer, Line of March.

#### *First Division*

ASSEMBLY AT 1:00 P. M.  
DEPARTURE AT 2:00 P. M.

A—POLICE ESCORT

B—GRAND MARSHAL, HONORARY GRAND MARSHAL, PARADE MARSHAL AND STAFFS

C—UNITS OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### *Second Division*

ASSEMBLY AT 1:15 P. M.

D—AMERICAN LEGION 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP BAND

E—NATIONAL COLORS AND 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP COLOR GUARD

F—NATIONAL COMMANDER AND NATIONAL OFFICERS

G—PAST NATIONAL COMMANDERS

H—AMERICAN LEGION 1955 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

I—AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NATIONAL PRESIDENT

J—FOREIGN AND OUTLYING DEPARTMENTS

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ASSEMBLY AT 2:00 P. M.

1. Minnesota
2. Idaho
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4. Delaware
5. Louisiana
6. Nebraska
7. Nevada

#### *Fourth Division*

ASSEMBLY AT 2:30 P. M.

8. Iowa
9. Alabama
10. South Dakota
11. Indiana
12. Wisconsin
13. Ohio

### ***Fifth Division***

ASSEMBLY AT 3:00 P. M.

- 14. Illinois
- 15. Maryland
- 16. Virginia
- 17. Florida
- 18. New Mexico
- 19. South Carolina
- 20. Utah
- 21. Connecticut

### ***Sixth Division***

ASSEMBLY AT 3:30 P. M.

- 22. New Jersey
- 23. Michigan
- 24. Oklahoma
- 25. Rhode Island
- 26. Tennessee
- 27. Wyoming
- 28. New Hampshire
- 29. Texas

### ***Seventh Division***

ASSEMBLY AT 4:00 P. M.

- 30. Mississippi
- 31. Maine
- 32. Missouri
- 33. Pennsylvania
- 34. Kansas
- 35. Montana
- 36. Georgia
- 37. Vermont
- 38. Oregon

### ***Eighth Division***

ASSEMBLY AT 4:30 P. M.

- 39. Arizona
- 40. Colorado
- 41. Arkansas
- 42. Washington
- 43. Kentucky
- 44. New York

### ***Ninth Division***

ASSEMBLY AT 5:00 P. M.

- 45. North Carolina
- 46. Massachusetts
- 47. Alaska
- 48. West Virginia
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- 50. California

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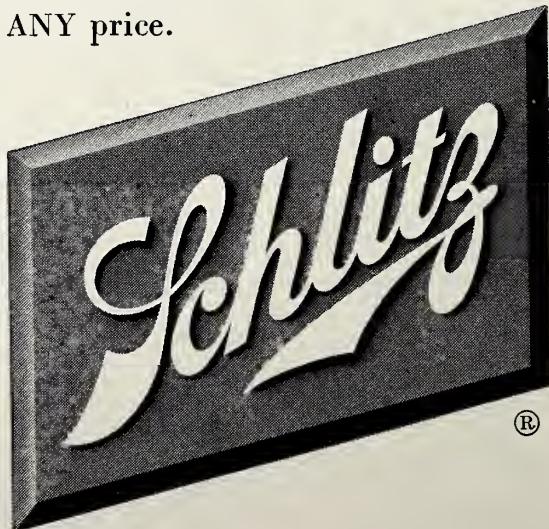
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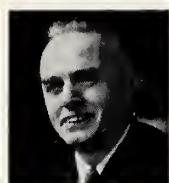
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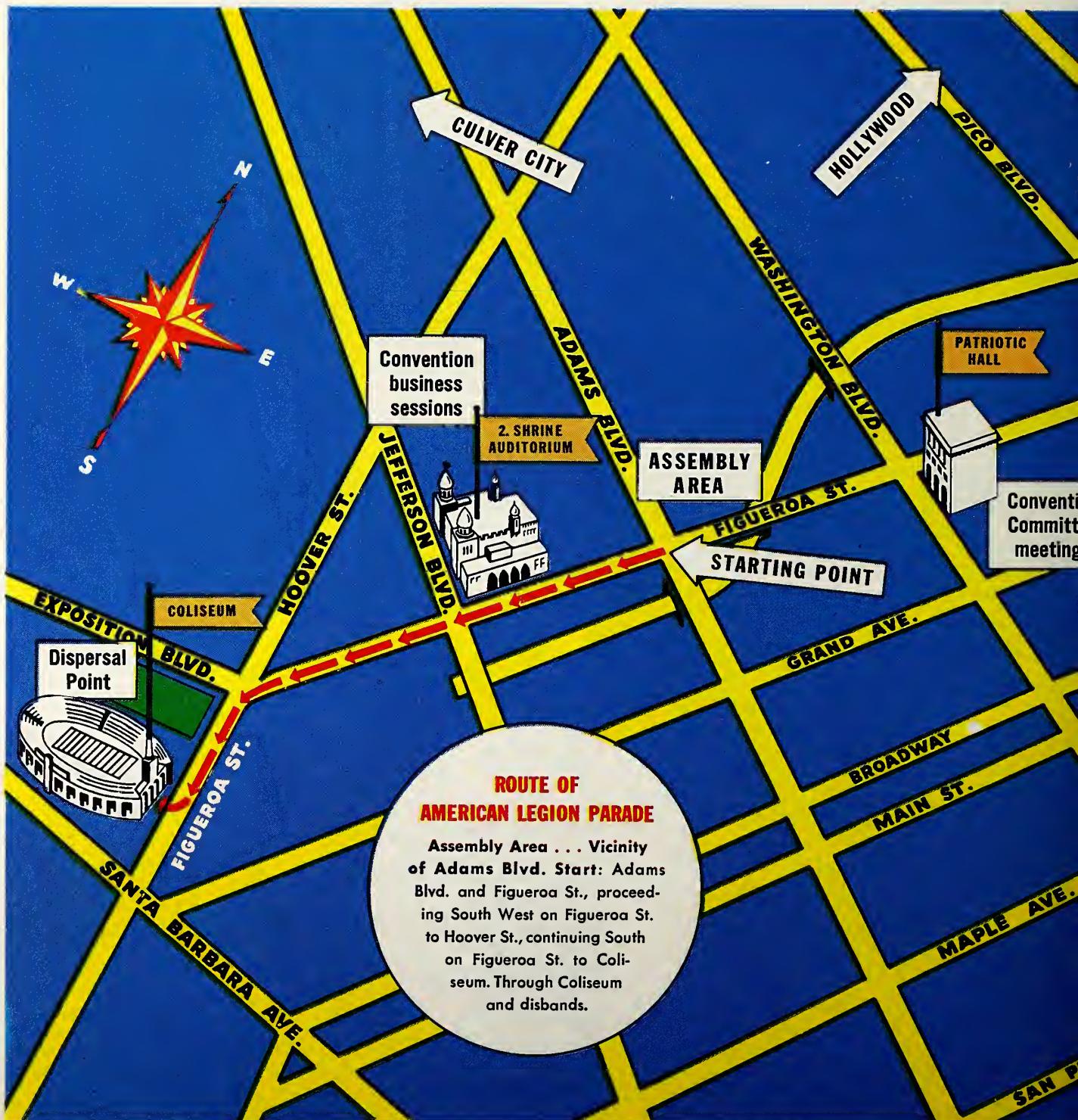
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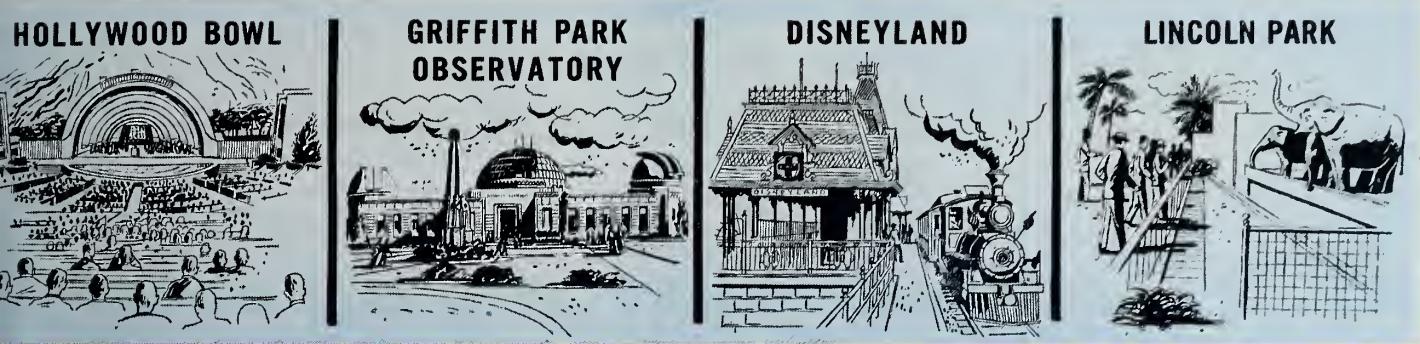


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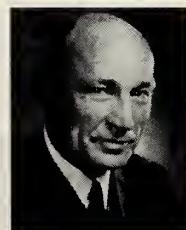


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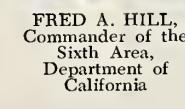
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36th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION

## Official Program



HOTEL STATLER  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA  
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5 AND 6, 1956

### Advance Meetings

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956  
HOTEL STATLER

9:00 a. m.  
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
MEETING AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Los Angeles Room, Hotel Statler

9:00 a. m.  
REHEARSALS FOR MUSIC CONTEST  
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room,  
Hotel Statler

### Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

10:30 a. m.  
CREDENTIALS  
Foy Room, Hotel Statler  
PERMANENT ORGANIZATION  
Buffalo Room, Hotel Statler  
RESOLUTIONS  
Boston Room, Hotel Statler  
RULES  
Detroit Room, Hotel Statler  
MUSIC  
New York Room, Hotel Statler

12:30 p. m.  
NATIONAL MUSIC CONTEST  
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room  
Hotel Statler

1:00 p. m. to 2:30 p. m.  
POPPY  
Mrs. S. H. Stone, Chairman  
Mission Room, Hotel Statler

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New York Room, Hotel Statler

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Cleveland Room, Hotel Statler

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Buffalo Room, Hotel Statler

2:30 p. m. to 4:00 p. m.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

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Mrs. Frank D. Norton, Chairman  
Washington Room, Hotel Statler

### NATIONAL SECURITY

Mrs. Lee Taylor, Chairman  
Detroit Room, Hotel Statler

4:30 p. m.

### REHEARSAL OF PAGES

Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Statler

*Opening Session--National Convention*

HOTEL STATLER, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

*Monday, September 3, 1956*

Mr. Bob Mitchell, Convention Organist

8:30 a. m.

OPENING SESSION--NATIONAL CONVENTION, AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY  
Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room

PROCESSIONAL OF COLORS, NATIONAL OFFICERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Estella Hanell, Convention Director,  
Presiding

CALL TO ORDER BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT, Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

INVOCATION

Mrs. John Alexander, National Chaplain

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Malotte) Mitchell Boys Choir, under direction of Mr. Bob Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mrs. Andre J. Breaux, Chairman, National Americanism Committee

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mitchell Boys Choir

TAPS IN HONOR OF OUR DEPARTED WAR DEAD

Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, led by Mrs. Alexander H. Gray, Chairman, National Constitution and By-Laws Committee

READING OF THE CALL TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

Mrs. Jane Gould Rishworth,  
National Secretary

ADDRESS

Mr. J. Addington Wagner, National Commander, The American Legion

GREETINGS BY:

HON. GOODWIN J. KNIGHT, Governor of California

HON. JOHN S. GIBSON, JR., President, City Council, Los Angeles

MRS. J. FRANK WYNKOOP, Department President, Department of California

MR. WM. R. BURKE, President,

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THE GREAT ADVENTURE (Ann Ronell)  
Mitchell Boys Choir

GREETINGS BY:

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INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL CONVENTION DIRECTOR, Mrs. Estella Hanell

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 Mrs. Bowden D. Ward  
 RETIREMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESI-  
 DENT'S COLORS  
 12:00 noon  
 RECESS  
 1:30 p. m.  
 NATIONAL CONVENTION PARADE  
*Tuesday, September 4, 1956*  
 9:00 a. m.  
 CONVENTION RECONVENES  
 Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room  
 ADVANCE OF COLORS  
 CALL TO ORDER BY THE NATIONAL PRESI-  
 DENT, Mrs. Bowden D. Ward  
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 RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S  
 COLORS  
 RECESS  
 12:00 noon  
 The American Legion Auxiliary will meet in joint

session with The American Legion at the Shrine Auditorium

*Divisional Caucuses*

3:30 p. m.  
 CENTRAL DIVISION  
 Pacific Ballroom  
 NORTHWESTERN DIVISION  
 Los Angeles Room  
 WESTERN DIVISION  
 Sierra Room  
 4:30 p. m.  
 SOUTHERN DIVISION  
 Pacific Ballroom  
 EASTERN DIVISION  
 Sierra Room  
 6:30 p. m.  
 DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES' DINNER  
 8:00 p. m.  
 RADIO AND TELEVISION AWARDS  
 CEREMONY  
 Pacific Ballroom, Hotel Statler  
*Wednesday, September 5, 1956*  
 9:00 a. m.  
 CONVENTION RECONVENES  
 Pacific Ballroom and Sierra Room  
 ADVANCE OF COLORS  
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 NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS  
 RECESS  
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 Mrs. Bowden D. Ward

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## RECOGNITION OF QUOTA DEPARTMENTS

## RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S

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8:00 p. m.

## STATES DINNER, Hollywood Palladium

*Thursday, September 6, 1956*

9:00 a. m.

## CONVENTION RECONVENES

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## FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS

### COMMITTEE

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Mrs. Norton H. Pearl, Chairman

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

## INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

by Mrs. Robert Lincoln Hoyal

## PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO THE RETIR-

ING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

by Mrs. Lawrence H. Smith

## RETIREMENT OF COLORS

### ADJOURNMENT

## NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING—Los Angeles Room  
(Immediately following adjournment)

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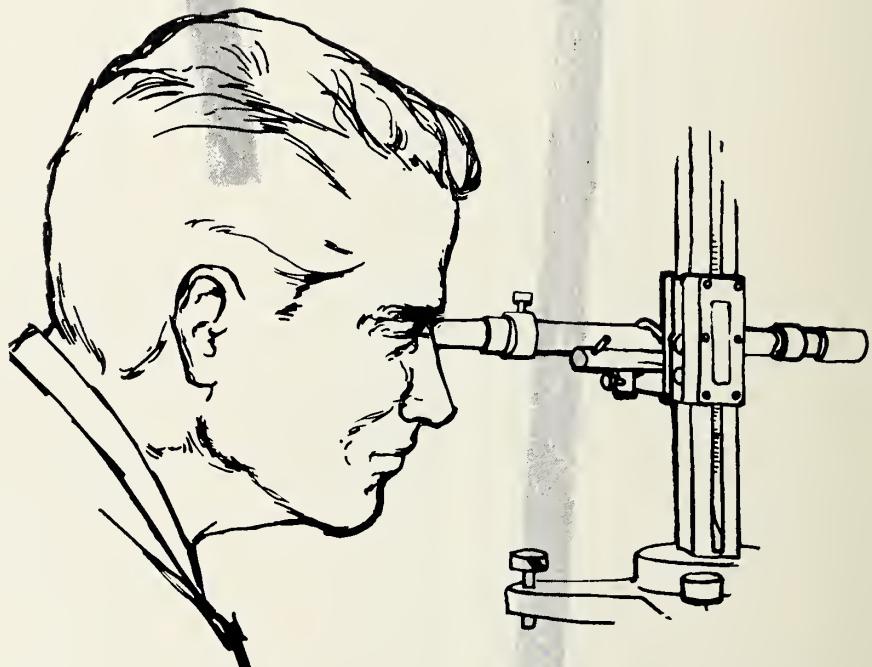
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## Calendar of Events

### WHERE TO GO—WHAT TO SEE

#### *Friday—August 31*

1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Uniformed Unit Representatives Meetings, Coliseum Ticket Bldg.

5:00 p. m.

Judges and National Contest Supervisory Committee Meeting, Coliseum Ticket Bldg.

#### *Saturday—September 1*

9:00 a. m.

Junior Sponsored Drum and Bugle Corps, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

1:00 p. m.

American Legion Band Contest, Bovard Auditorium and U.S.C. Gym Field. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m.

Junior Sponsored Band Contest, Bovard Auditorium and U.S.C. Gym Field. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m.

American Legion Color Guard Contest, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

6:00 p. m.

Lawrence Welk Telecast  
“Salute to The American Legion”  
ABC Studios, Hollywood  
(Admission by ticket only)  
National Commander and National  
President will participate in the program  
awarding citation to Welk

Preceding Telecast, Dodge Division,  
Chrysler Corporation, will honor  
National Commander and National  
President at Reception at  
Biltmore Hotel  
3:30 to 5:00 p. m.  
(Admission by Invitation only)

7:30 p. m.

Eight and Forty Banquet, Statler Hotel. Invitation only.

8:30 p. m.

Boxing, Hollywood American Legion Stadium, El Centro and Hollywood Boulevard. Use coupon for reduced rates.

#### *Sunday—September 2*

9:00 a. m.

American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Preliminary Contest, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

10:00 a. m.

American Legion Firing Squad Contest, U.S.C. Gym Field. Use coupon.

1:00 p. m.

Junior Sponsored Color Guard Contest, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

Fiesta Californiana (for Women Legionnaires only) Hollyhock House, 1644 North Vermont Avenue, Hollywood. (Sunset & Vermont). Call Women Legionnaires Hospitality Room, Biltmore Hotel or Loretta Owens Olson, Chairman Women Legionnaires Committee, Republic 4-3254 for information and reservations. Transportation furnished.

2:30 p. m.

American Legion Chorus Contest, Sawtelle Veterans Administration Facility. Use coupon.

5:00 p. m.

American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary Religious and Patriotic Service, American Legion Hollywood Post No. 43, 2035 North Highland Avenue, Hollywood. Use coupon.

6:00 p. m.

91st Division Banquet, Fleet Admiral Mess, Patriotic Hall. Contact G. H. Mydland, Plymouth 5-1565.

6:30 p. m.

American Legion Press Association Dinner, Los Angeles Athletic Club (Business Meeting Sunday afternoon). Contact Jack Cann, Mayflower Hotel.

7:00 p. m.

20 & 4 Installation Dinner, Galeria Room, Biltmore Hotel.

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7:00 p. m.

American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Finals Contest, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

#### *Monday--September 3*

8:00 a. m.

World War Nurses Breakfast, Music Room, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Harriet Gilmore, Vermont 9-0776.

8:30 a. m.

National Chaplains Breakfast, Los Angeles Athletic Club, 431 West 7th Street. Contact Past National Chaplain Albert J. Hoffmann, National Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel.

8:30 a. m.

National Historians Breakfast, Conference Room No. 6, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Robert T. Fairey, National Headquarters, Biltmore Hotel.

2:00 p. m.

National American Legion Parade, Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Use coupon.

8:00 p. m.

Wrestling, Hollywood American Legion Stadium, El Centro and Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood. Use coupon for reduced rate.

#### *Tuesday--September 4*

1:00 p. m.

Fabulous Fashion Show. Showing of California Fashions. Biltmore Bowl. Use coupon.

7:00 p. m.

Reception, National Commander's Dinner, Biltmore Bowl Foyer. Courtesy American Air Lines. Ticket only.

8:00 p. m.

National Commander's Dinner for Distinguished Guests. Biltmore Bowl. Entertainment. Courtesy The Coca-Cola Company. Ticket only.

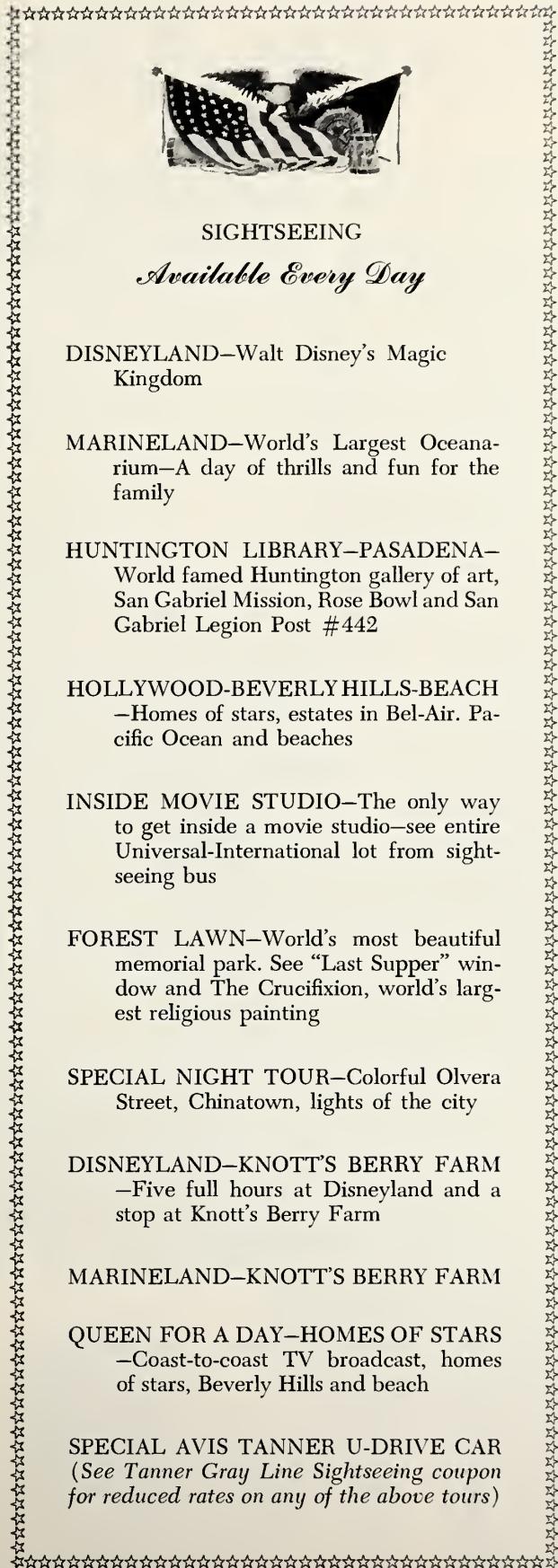
#### *Wednesday--September 5*

12:15 p. m.

National Yeomen (F) Luncheon. Galeria Room, Biltmore Hotel. Contact Etta Zeh, Davenport 6-4121.

8:00 p. m.

States Dinner—American Legion Auxiliary. The Palladium. Invitation only.



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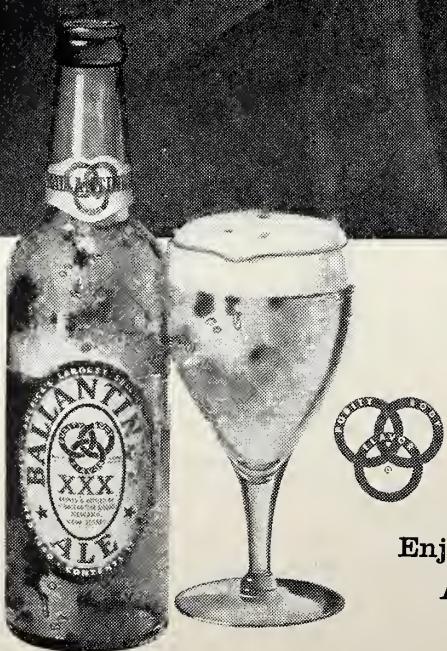
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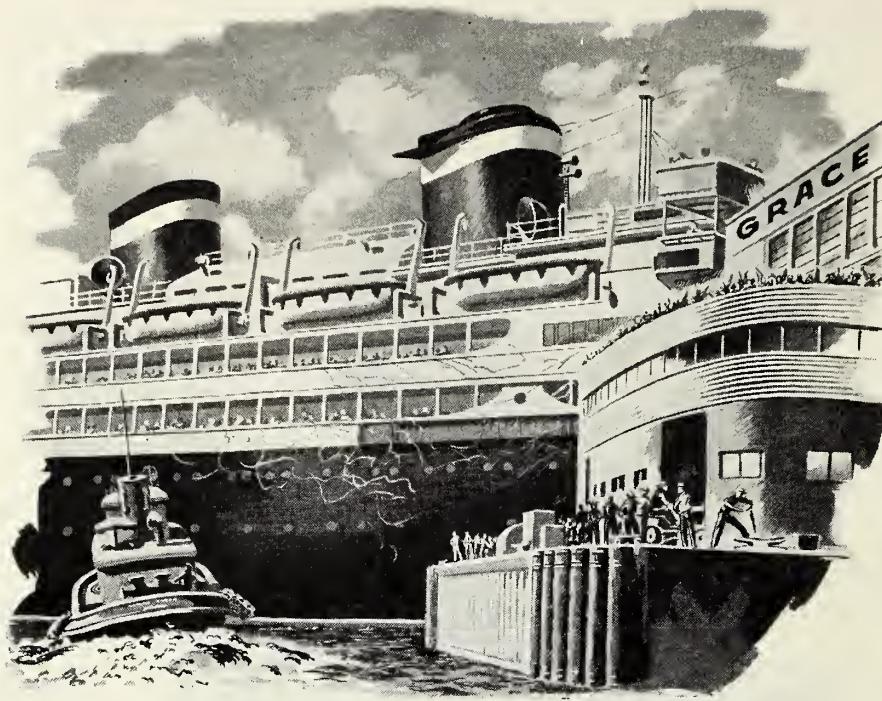
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The Latin American tour which has been in the planning stages for two years, will see American Legion Junior Baseball players compete in 24 games in Colombia, Cuba, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico and Venezuela.

The team will be made up entirely of 17-year-olds who were selected on the basis of their scholastic average, citizenship qualities and playing ability. Each Department recommended four players—pitcher, catcher, outfielder and infielder—for consideration. One player was selected from each of 16 Departments.

Government officials in the countries to be visited responded enthusiastically when queried by The American Legion through the State Department, as to whether they would be interested in having the team visit them.

In announcing the tour which has the complete backing of the State Department, National Commander J. Addington Wagner said, "We believe that this representative Legion Junior Baseball team can do a great deal to increase understanding and good will for the United States in Latin America. That is our hope and the purpose of this tour."

The American Legion will await the outcome of this year's tour before deciding whether to make it an annual affair. If it does become a yearly project, Departments which have had a representative on the team will not be permitted to send another player until every Department participating in American Legion Junior Baseball has had at least one player on the team.



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*Official Program*

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STATLER HOTEL—LOBBY—BALLROOM FLOOR  
Thursday, August 30, 1956—4:00 p. m. to 9:00 p. m.  
Friday, August 31, 1956—9:00 a. m. to 9:00 p. m.  
Saturday, September 1, 1956—8:00 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.

*Friday, August 31, 1956*

10:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon

*Pre-Marche Committee Meetings*

CHILD WELFARE

Mrs. John A. Gordon, Chairman  
St. Louis Room, Statler Hotel

NATIONAL JEWISH HOSPITAL

Mrs. Evan Evans, Chairman  
St. Louis Room, Statler Hotel

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Mrs. C. C. Whealy, Chairman  
National Headquarters, Statler Hotel

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

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Boston Room, Statler Hotel, 10 a. m. to  
11 a. m.

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Mrs. James Michelet, Chairman  
Detroit Room, Statler Hotel

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Mrs. Janes C. Buckley, Chairman  
Boston Room, Statler Hotel, 11 a. m. to  
noon

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Buffalo Room, Statler Hotel, 10 a. m. to  
11 a. m.

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Foy Room, Statler Hotel, 11 a. m. to noon

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Buffalo Room, Statler Hotel, 11 a. m. to  
noon

RULES AND ORDER

Mrs. Lucien Landry, Chairman  
Foy Room, Statler Hotel, 10:00 a. m. to  
11:00 a. m.

TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Mrs. Wm. Proffitt, Chairman  
Washington Room, Statler Hotel

LA CONCIERGE AND PAGES

Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel

1:00 p. m.

*Pre-Marche Pouvoir*

Los Angeles Room, Statler Hotel

10:00 p. m.

*Divisional Caucuses*

Eastern Division—Boston Room, Statler Hotel  
Southern Division—Buffalo Room, Statler Hotel  
Central Division—St. Louis Room, Statler Hotel  
Northwestern Division—Detroit Room, Statler Hotel  
Western Division—Washington Room, Statler Hotel

7:30 p. m.

*Opening Session*

LA MARCHE NATIONALE, EIGHT ET FORTY,  
Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel  
PROCESSIONAL OF NATIONAL OFFICERS,  
NATIONAUX CHAPEAUX PASSE and DIS-  
TINGUISHED GUESTS  
CALL TO ORDER BY LE CHAPEAU NA-  
TIONAL, MRS. MAE HUNNICUTT  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG,  
led by MRS. RAYMOND H. ROLLINS, La  
Concierge Nationale  
INVOCATION by MRS. BESS E. HARRISON,  
L'Aumonier Nationale  
“FLANDERS FIELD”—MRS. A. P. SUNDRY  
“AMERICA'S ANSWER”—MRS. CARL TAYLOR

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM  
ROLL CALL—MRS. GEORGE G. SPEIR, La  
Secrétaire Nationale

READING OF CALL TO LA MARCHE NA-  
TIONALE

READING OF MINUTES OF LA MARCHE  
NATIONALE OF 1955

GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL  
OF CALIFORNIA—MRS. HERBERT  
WILLIS, Departmental Chapeau

GREETINGS BY:

DR. FREDERIC J. GASPARD—President of  
the Los Angeles Board of Health Commis-  
sioners

Commander, Department of California,  
The American Legion

MRS. J. FRANK WYNKOOP—President,  
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MRS. A. B. HANELL—Director,  
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The American Legion Auxiliary

MR. RANDEL SHAKE—National Child  
Welfare Director

GREETINGS BY DEMI-CHAPEAUX NATION-  
AUX AND INTRODUCTION OF CHA-  
PEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX:

|                     |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Mrs. A. P. Sundry   | Eastern Division      |
| Mrs. Sam McCorkle   | Southern Division     |
| Mrs. Carl Taylor    | Central Division      |
| Mrs. Paul Nilson    | Northwestern Division |
| Mrs. James Michelet | Western Division      |

GREETINGS BY LES CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX  
PASSE:

|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs. Harry Kehm       | Mrs. Edsel Swanner   |
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| Mrs. Valentine Delles |                      |

REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE  
COMMITTEES:

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Permanent Organization—Mrs. Janet Ord Avis  
Rules and Order—Mrs. Lucien Landry

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF:

|                |                       |
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| La Musicienne  | Mrs. Winnie Parmenter |
| Les Marechals  | Mrs. Lyle Fitzpatrick |
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| Le Chapeau     | Mrs. Floyd Bartling   |
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|                | Mrs. O. B. Grimmett   |

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| La Secrétaire- |                         |
| Caissière      |                         |
| Nationale      |                         |
| L'Avocate      | Mrs. George G. Speir    |
| Nationale      |                         |
| L'Archiviste   | Mrs. Robert C. Snow     |
| Nationale      |                         |
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| Nationale      |                         |
| Hat Box Editor | Mrs. Raymond H. Rollins |
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RECESS

*Saturday, September 1, 1956*

9:30 a. m.

*Marche Morning Session*

Pacific Ballroom, Statler Hotel

INVOCATION

by MRS. BESS HARRISON  
L'Aumonier Nationale

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG  
MRS. RAYMOND H. ROLLINS,  
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PRESENTATION OF MARCHE CHAIRMEN by  
the NATIONAL CHAIRMAN OF THE  
MARCHE COMMITTEE—MRS. RUTH JETT

ADDRESS: MR. PHILIP HOUTZ, Executive Di-  
rector, National Jewish Hospital, Denver,  
Colorado

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND  
INTRODUCTION OF AREA CHAIRMEN:

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Child Welfare               | Mrs. John A. Gordon      |
| Constitution and<br>By-Laws | Mrs. Ray A. Stratton     |
| Finance                     | Mrs. Ellen Louise Warren |
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| Partnership                 | Mrs. Jane Buckley        |
| Rituals and<br>Emblems      | Mrs. Wynne Goode         |
| Trophies and<br>Awards      | Mrs. William Proffitt    |

GREETINGS BY:

Mr. J. Addington Wagner, National Commander,  
The American Legion  
Mrs. Bowden D. Ward, National President, Ameri-  
can Legion Auxiliary

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Mrs. Bess Harrison,  
L'Aumonier Nationale

RECESS FOR LUNCH:

1:00 p. m.

*Marche Reconvenes*

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Grover C. Spencer, Chairman

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

GREETINGS BY:

Mrs. J. Pat Kelly, National Child Welfare  
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary  
Mrs. Carl O. Zeller, National Rehabilitation  
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary

RATIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DEMI-  
CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED  
OFFICERS

SONG: "BLEST BE THE TIE THAT  
BINDS"

RECESS

7:30 p. m.

*Marche Nationale Banquet*

GOLDEN STATE ROOM, Statler Hotel

ENTERTAINMENT

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL  
PIN BY MRS. JOHN A. GORDON

ADJOURNMENT

*Monday, September 3, 1956*

1:30 p. m.

*Post Marche Pouvoir*

Mission Room, Statler Hotel

3:00 p. m.

*School of Instruction for  
Les Secrétaires-Caissières Départementaux*

Mission Room, Statler Hotel  
Conducted by Mrs. George G. Speir,  
La Secrétaire-Caissière Nationale

*Special Marche Committees*

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Mrs. George W. Hynes, Texas

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Mrs. A. P. Sundry, Pennsylvania  
Mrs. Sam McCorkle, Mississippi  
Mrs. Carl Taylor, Illinois  
Mrs. Paul Nilson, Montana

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

Chairman—Mrs. Lowell C. Allen  
Mrs. Helen Gray, Chairman, Guest  
Book and Committee

NATIONAL PAGES:

Chairman—Mrs. Floyd Bartling, Wyoming  
Mrs. Elsie Gleason, New Jersey  
Mrs. Margaret Hillery, Massachusetts  
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Mrs. Bernard J. Utley, Virginia

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Mrs. J. R. Ball, Oklahoma  
Mrs. O. B. Grimmett, Oklahoma

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Mrs. Pat Ryan, Panama

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*1956 National Marche Committees*

California

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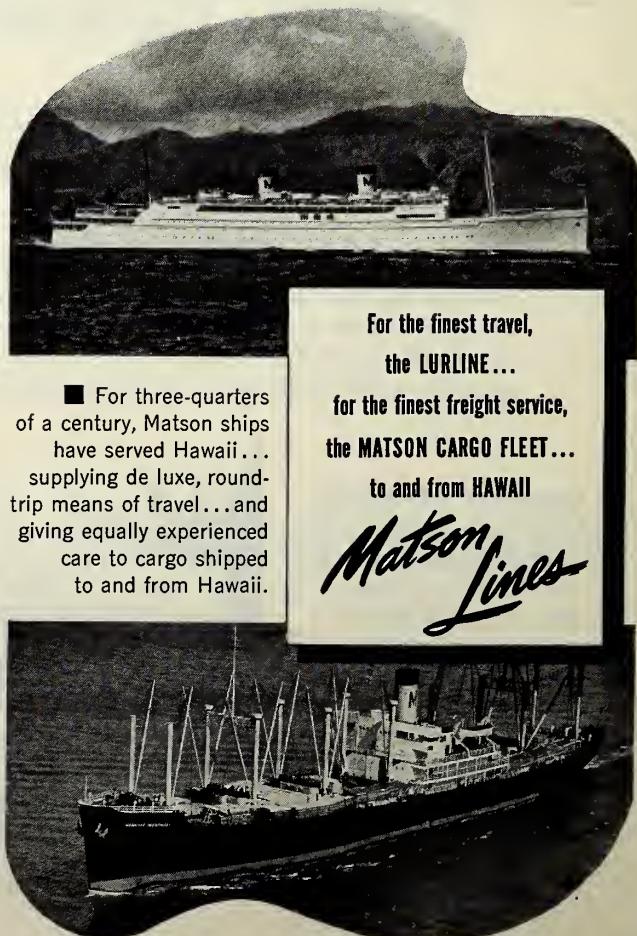
For the cover of this year's National Convention Program, California artist Ren Wicks has depicted the famed Peristyle Gate of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Through these gates will pass the thousands upon thousands of marching Legionnaires and Auxiliaries in the Big Parade of the 38th National Convention.

The Coliseum—one of the nation's largest stadiums—will seat 100,000 spectators in what should be the largest reviewing stand ever seen at any parade.

The gold and blue American Legion Emblem is superimposed upon the deeper blue of a starlit California sky. Flanking the imposing Gate are the American Flag, The American Legion Flag, The flag of the State of California (right side of picture) and the flag of the City of Los Angeles to the left.

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